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Dear Members of the Legislative Council for the 127th Legislature,

Welcome back. This morning I am delivering 65 veto messages to the House and Senate for consideration by you and your colleagues. The veto messages contain my objections to legislation that you have passed, which I was prevented by your June 30 adjournment from returning any earlier.

As you are aware, under these circumstances, the Maine Constitution entitles the Governor to three days from the time you reconvene to return these bills to the Legislature. To provide you with ample time to give these veto messages the attention they deserve, I am returning them to you today, my first opportunity since your return from adjournment.

My goal is to ensure only bills that represent good public policy become law, and I am exercising the power granted to me by the Constitution to do so. I hope you will vote to sustain all of these vetoes at your earliest opportunity.

Some members of your Council have made public statements indicating you will not consider these vetoes. I request that you consider them before you adjourn from today's session. If you are not willing to consider them, then I request a written response today explaining why you are not willing to act. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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